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SMART SPRING BREAK PLANS INCLUDE BUCKLING UP

No Seat Belt, No Party!

MONTGOMERY — Alabama state troopers urge all motorists, especially teen drivers, to make sure they and their passengers buckle up during spring break travel. State troopers will focus patrols on popular beach routes and other high-traffic areas to help ensure safety for all who share the roadways during the holiday week, according to Public Safety Director Col. W.M. Coppage.

“Spring break traditionally means travel to beaches and other vacation destinations. Troopers will be working to make sure students arrive safely to enjoy this time away from the classroom,” said Coppage. He said young drivers should remember that buckling up is the law and the responsible thing to do. “Don’t let getting a ticket spoil your spring break plans. No seat belt, no party.”

At checkpoints and during patrols, troopers will focus on enforcement of Alabama’s safety belt law. Those who fail to buckle up risk getting a ticket and may face a fine of up to \$25. Troopers also will target impaired drivers, speeders and other dangerous drivers during the period.

Coppage stressed that drinking and driving is a deadly combination. He said underage drinking is a crime, and no level of alcohol is acceptable for drivers under 21. He reminded younger drivers that the penalties for impaired driving are severe and include losing the privilege to drive, possible fines and jail time.

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